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-EVENT ADVISORY-

Human Rights & Religious Freedom in Sudan

What: Felice D. Gaer, Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, and Nina Shea, Commission Vice Chair, will speak at a reception highlighting the upcoming efforts of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus (CHRC) Task Force on International Religious Freedom (TIRF) to end massive violations of religious freedom and human rights in Sudan.

Other speakers include:

Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II Co-Chair, TIRF

Congressman Tom Lantos Co-chair, CHRC

Congressman Trent Franks Co-Chair, TIRF

Congressman Frank R. Wolf Co-chair, CHRC

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, and Andrew Natsios, the President's Special Envoy for Sudan, have also been invited to speak.

The reception is being sponsored by the Hudson Institute's Center for Religious Freedom and the Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights of the American Jewish Committee.

When: Tuesday, March 13, 2007, 5 -7 p.m.

Where: 2203 Rayburn House Office Building

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Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom was created by the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to monitor the status of freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief abroad, as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and related international instruments, and to give independent policy recommendations to the President, the Secretary of State and the Congress.

Felice D. Gaer

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